University of New Hampshire Small Water Systems Survey Summary/Introductory Text Prepared by WW January 24, 2007

Introductory Text

Small surface water treatment systems in many rural communities do not operate as efficiently as desired primarily due to the presence of high particulate and organic precursor materials in the source water. The extent and effectiveness of pre-treatment options for improving source water quality is presently unknown, and thus the overall goal of this project is to investigate current source water treatment practices in order to enhance the performance of subsequent treatment processes.

The information, collected via an online survey, will assist in the promotion of sustainable drinking water treatment infrastructure, and ultimately in the strategic planning of financial resource allocation for drinking water treatment infrastructure. It is linked to the USEPA Strategic Plan under Goal 2 Clean and Safe Water, Objective 2.1 Protecting Human Health, Sub-objective 2.1.1 Water Safe to Drink.

Please visit the following URL to complete the short survey:

http://www.kwlemerald.com/UNH WaterSurvey/survey.aspx

Your comments are valuable in generating a database to assist the UNH Water Treatment Technology Assistance Center in providing recommendations to the USEPA. The results will contribute to the UNH and USEPA's research to provide and enhance solutions for pre-treatment needs in small water systems. Results for this study will be posted on the UNH TACnet website (http://www.unh.edu/erg/wttac/) and will also be presented at various conferences and in journals.

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